

Corporation for National Service

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When faced with challenges such as illiteracy, poverty, crime, and environmental problems, our nation has always relied on the dedication and action of citizens. Today, the Corporation for National Service carries on that tradition by working with governor-appointed state commissions, nonprofits, faith-based groups, schools, and other civic organizations to provide opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve their communities.

The Corporation's three major service initiatives are AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, engages more than 40,000 Americans in intensive, results-driven service. Most AmeriCorps members are selected by and serve with local and national organizations like Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Others serve in AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and AmeriCorps*NCCC (the National Civilian Community Corps). After their term of service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards that help finance college or pay back student loans.

Learn and Serve America

Throughout our nation, many schools are discovering the value of service-learning—through projects that link education and service. At the forefront of this movement is Learn and Serve America, which helps support nearly one million students from

kindergarten through college who are meeting community needs while improving their academic skills and learning the habits of good citizenship. In addition to providing grants to schools and community organizations, the Corporation for National Service also promotes student service through the President's Student Service Challenge.

National Senior Service Corps

Seniors are one of America's most vital resources—offering a wealth of experience and energy. Through the National Senior Service Corps, nearly half a million Americans age fifty-five and older share their time and talents to help solve local problems as Foster Grandparents serving one-on-one with young people with special needs; Senior Companions helping other seniors live independently in their homes; and volunteers with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) meeting a wide range of community needs.